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"If a man would become interesting to himself and others, let him read." --Brisbane.

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED

Our circulation for 1948-1949 was 86,486.

Did you borrow publications from your Branch Library during the year?

1416 of your fellow workers did.

Did you ask us for the answers to questions, for a bibliography or a reading list?

1722 questions were answered for patrons this past year.

If you were not a library patron last year, how about getting acquainted with your library and being a patron this year? If you do not know about the library, write and ask us!

THANKS ARE DUE

To all of you who made our work easier and our service more efficient by:

1. Forwarding periodicals promptly.
2. Sending a periodical back to the man who wrote "Later" by his name instead of sending it to the library.
3. Requesting publications on Form AD-245.
4. Returning books when due.
5. Notifying us of change of address by note or card.

We did appreciate very much the little notes of thanks and appreciation you so kindly sent us through the year.

It has been fun to work with all of you. We feel that we know most of you (even those we have never seen), we are interested in what you are doing, we want to help you -- so we hope you will feel free to call on us for library assistance during the coming year.

NEW BOOKS

SOIL, FOOD, AND HEALTH, edited by Jonathan Forman and O. E. Fink. Friends of the Land, 1948. 342p.

In addition to presenting the papers read at the Seventh Annual Conference on Conservation, Nutrition, and Health, there appear integrating essays by the editors setting forth the relation of each address to what has been learned at the previous Conferences to the whole subject. The papers dealt with the following subjects: water, trees, soil, atomic energy, plants, farm animals, human nutrition, and the future.

TREES, THE YEARBOOK OF AGRICULTURE, 1949. U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, 1949. 944p. 1 Ag84Y

Thus the editor explains the purpose of this book: "We have tried here to put into clearer perspective some items of history, importance, administration, and outlook that so far have been in scattered form. We have tried to explain another broad segment of the Department's work. We have tried to tell the essentials of choosing, planting, and growing trees as a farm crop, as a renewable national treasure, as a necessary part of country and city life. We have tried to make a book that is practical and useful for all Americans and interesting and inspiring for those who are unaware of the beauty and delight of the woods. We have tried to tell how and why to plant trees and care for them, and to offer a sort of forum to persons of divergent viewpoints, with all of which we do not necessarily agree."

OLDER BOOKS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

AN AMERICAN DILEMMA: THE NEGRO PROBLEM AND MODERN DEMOCRACY, by Gunnar Myrdal. Harper, 1944. 2 vols.

A truly outstanding study sponsored by The Carnegie Corporation. When Newton D. Baker joined the Corporation Board, he told its members that more knowledge and better organized and interrelated knowledge of the Negro problem were essential before the Corporation could intelligently distribute its own funds. The members agreed that a comprehensive study would also be useful far beyond their own needs, and that a competent and impartial director should be found. Because of the emotional factor involved in the question, it seemed best to "import" a director who would be unbiased. The obvious place to look seemed to be Switzerland or the Scandinavian countries. They selected Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, a Swedish scholar with an international reputation as a social scientist, a professor in the University of Stockholm, economic advisor to the Swedish Government, and a member of the Swedish Senate. As a result, we have this monumental study to help in the understanding and solving of one of our greatest problems.

COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS, by G. H. Collings. 4th ed. Blakiston, 1947. 522p. 57.2 C69 Ed.4

The results of research and experimentation in the fields of plant nutrition and fertilizer practice made necessary the modification of many statements made in the third edition of this book and the rewriting of many paragraphs and sections. One new chapter on ammonium nitrate has been added. The text deals with the sources, manufacture, and uses of the various commercial fertilizers.

FOREST INFLUENCES, by Joseph Kittredge. McGraw-Hill, 1948. 394p. 99.36 K65

The sub-title gives us an idea of the book's contents: The effects of woody vegetation on climate, water, and soil, with applications to the conservation of water and the control of floods and erosion.

HANDBOOK OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, by G. D. Halsey. Harper, 1947. 402p.
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"This book is intended primarily for executives of factories, stores and offices who are directly responsible for personnel management in their organizations and are therefore interested in the practical aspects of the subject-- what the problems and objectives of personnel management are and how these problems have been solved and these objectives accomplished in many organizations. Basic principles and theories are discussed for the light they shed on why one method is to be preferred to another." Preface.

AN INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL PLANT GEOGRAPHY, by E. V. Wulff. Chronica Botanica, 1943. 223p. 452.9 W95

This volume, which is the first part of a projected three volume work on historical plant geography, "consists of eleven chapters opening with one covering the scope of the subject, the relationships to allied sciences, and methods of investigation, and closing with an excellently prepared one on the concept of floral elements. Between these two chapters, in much detail, is considered the history of the science, areas: their types and origins, parallelisms in the geographical distribution of plants and animals, artificial and natural factors in relation to the geographic distribution of plants, migrations of species and of floras and their causes, and the historical causes for the present structure of areas and the composition of flora." Foreword.

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Agricultural Engineering

"Construction of a Combination Walk-In Cooler and Freezer," by C. I. Sayles. Cornell Ext. Bul. 746. 22p. March 1949. 275.29 M48E

"Housing Seasonal Farm Labor", by K. M. Gallagher. Cornell Ext. Bul. 755. 61p. May 1949. 275.29 M48E

Feeds and Feeding

"Fattening Steers on Everglades Winter Pasture," by R. W. Kiddor. Fla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 456. Feb. 1949. 19p. 100 F66S

"Sorghum Gluten Feed, With and Without Steep Water Added, In Rations for Fattening Steers," by J. M. Schrum and others. Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Rpt. 1172. 3 p. 100 T31P 1172

"Summer Grazing and Feedlot Gains of Yearling Steers at the Blackland Experiment Station," by J. R. Johnston. Tex. Agr. Expt. Sta. Progress Rpt. 1166. May 1949. 3p. 100 T31P 1166

"Vitamin Deficiencies in Rations of Natural Foodstuffs," by H. Heitman and A. G. Hogan. Mo. Agr. Expt. Sta. Res. Bul. 432. 15p. Feb. 1949. 100 M693R 432

"Winter Pasture for More Feed and Better Feed at Lower Cost," by H. W. Staten and V. G. Heller. Okla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 333. 16p. May 1949. 100 OK4B 333

Forestry

"Home-Grown Lumber for Farm Buildings," by F. E. Winch. Cornell Ext. Bul. 747. 24p. Nov. 1948. 275.29 M48E 747

"Timber Crops for Southern Farmers." U. S. Forest Service. June 1949.

Geology

- "Geology of De Soto and Red River Parishes," by G. E. Murray. La. Geological Survey, Geological Bul. 25. June 1948. 312p. 17 plates in envelope. 406 L93B 25
- "Ground-Water Resources of Ashley County, Arkansas," by F. A. Howitt and others. Univ. of Ark. Res. Ser. No. 16. March 1949. 35p.

Insect Pests

- "The Clover Leaf Weevil and Its Control," by W. H. Larrimer. U. S. D. A. Farmers' Bul. 1484. Revised 1949. 6p. 1 Ag84F 1484
- "The Corn Root Aphid and Methods of Controlling It," by J. J. Davis. U. S. D. A. Farmers' Bul. 891. Revised 1949. 7p. 1 Ag84F 891
- "Cutworms and Their Control," by G. T. Mickle. Colo. Ext. Cir. 163-A. July 1949. 275.29 C71Ci 163-A
- "Grasshopper Control," by G. T. Mickle. Colo. Ext. Cir. 162-A. July 1949. 275.29 C71Ci 162-A
- "Pest Control Guide." Sherwin-Williams Co. 1949. 104p.
- "Preventing Damage to Buildings by Subterranean Termites and Their Control," U. S. D. A. Farmers' Bul. 1911. Revised 1949. 38p. 1 Ag84F 1911

Poultry

- "Broiler Production." Okla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Cir. 134. May 1949. 30p. 100 Ok4C 134
- "Equipment to Save Labor on the Poultry Farm," by P. R. Hoff and L. M. Hurd. 275.29 N48E 152 (Cornell Ext. Bul. 152. Feb. 1949 20p.)
- "Feeding Chickens: Chicks, Broilers, Laying Hens, and Breeders," by R. H. Thayer and R. B. Thompson. Okla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Cir. 133. May 1949. 23p. 100 Ok4C 133
- "Mungbeans as a Poultry Feed," by R. H. Thayer and V. G. Heller. Okla. Agr. Expt. Sta. Bul. 336. June 1949. 8p. 100 Ok4B 336

Soil Conservation

- "Our Remaining Land: We Can Use It and Save It." Soil Conservation Service. USDA AIS-79. June 1949. 1 Ag84Ai 79
- "Terracing Farm Lands in Georgia," by G. I. Johnson and others. Ga. Ext. Bul. 394. Revised June 1949. 27p. 275.29 G29B
- "The Trilogy of American Conservation and the Eternal Question." Two addresses to Soil Conservationists by R. S. Wilson, Vice Pres. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. 1949.

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